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THE NEW PARTY—WHERE IS IT?

Even before the election of Mr. Hayes (we beg pardon, he was not elected), but before his designation as President of the United States by Returning Boards and the Electoral Commission, intimations had been obscurely held out that the Southern Democracy embraced within its ranks a large element that was represented as coincident with the portion of that party which before the war belonged to the Whig party. On the other hand, the Democratic party North was represented by the same politicians as disloyal to the core, and desperately wicked, and these old line Whigs were spoken of as yearning to break off their alliance with the wicked Democrats, and transfer their affections to the lamb-like Republicans, and they were to be flattered and patted on the back and pampered with some few dolos of patronage; and with their alliance, the Republican party which had only been rescued by a swindle from disastrous defeat before the people was to come out rehabilitated, and the hated Democracy consigned to that torrid climate with a sulphurous atmosphere to which they have a national affinity. Ever since that administration and its satellites have been engaged in a constant search for this new party, which was to consist of the beaten Republican party plus just enough "old line Whigs" to put the Democrats in a minority.

With powers of vision sharpened by the eagerness of their desires, these gentlemen have so far failed to make the new party a palpable reality. All the microscopes of their party failed to make it visible to the naked eye, and with use of their most powerful telescopes it seems further off than ever. It is very sad!

And what is the reason? Where is the new party? Why will it not take into itself friend and foe alike? Is it that there are no old line Whigs, or is it that the scheme carried in its original conception the predestined flat of failure. It is perhaps a little of both. As for old line Whigs—even if it were ever possible to build a new party organization upon so crazy a foundation as old line Whigs which have been and are being used by a whole generation—still with that hope of favorable consideration could the Republican party above all others appeal to the old line Whigs for support? Why, the old Whig party was murdered by the Republican schism. We never belonged to it, but some of the best and wisest men we knew did, and we respected it profoundly while we opposed it. Speaking as an old Democrat we will say that the Democracy never did and never could have destroyed it; the Republican faction could and did. Men of different tones of thought, men like Jackson, Calhoun, Benton, Van Buren, all have struck heavy blows at the old Whig party and still it lived until Seward first betrayed and then morally assassinated its great ruler Daniel Webster, and then thrust the keen point of his dagger between the ribs of the party itself, which then and there fell dead.

"And none so poor to do reverence," and is no more capable of revival than the corpse of murdered Caesar in the capital. But if any voice could call it from its tomb, least of all should that summons be uttered by the Republican party. That appeal could conjure up nothing but an avenging ghost denouncing in sepulchral tones.

"The deep damnation of his taking off," To old line Whigs, especially to Southern Whigs, such a spectre could give but one message and that would be to

"Revenge its foul and most unnatural murder."

And yet we imagine that there may yet be among us—may we think we have seen them, feeble-witted old men who can listen even to such an appeal as this, men who in this second childhood of their political experience forget everything but that which happened when they were young themselves, men who are still living in the days of Jackson or, at the latest, in those of Harrison and Van Buren. Oh! yes, they may be heard singing in the shrill and feeble treble of their senile fatuity

"Tippecanoe and Americanism."

Van, Van "a fine old man."

They think that Henry Clay is to be the Whig candidate for 1880, and occasionally indulge in a feeble cackle over their anticipation of his election. Practically they are as dead as Henry Clay himself.

These are not the men to organize a new party, Mr. Hayes; we can afford to dismiss them.

We resort then to our second alternative—the scheme of a new party of any material a feasible one when it was started?

We can see no possible demand for one. No new principle has been defined, no new policy proposed. There were two parties in existence when Mr. Hayes came into office; he received the votes of one, he adopted the principles and policy of the other so far as he has any power.

Now, could any time be more absurdly malapropos for calling upon the Democratic party to disband its forces and lay down its arms than the present? It is doubly victorious. It first elected its candidate President and then, when defrauded of the fruits of this victory, forced its policy upon the usurping party. But say Mr. Hayes and his friends, its mission is gone; it has no further work to do. On the contrary it never had a higher or holier mission; it never had more important work to do. Its mission is to sustain the President so far as his work is constitutional and patriotic, to urge him on when he falters and to defend him when he needs it, and if we are to regard the demonstration of the Blaines, Butlers, Mor-

tons, Chancellors, &c., of the party, this last will be the most important part of its work; but if it has all this to do, then it becomes manifest that even during the present administration the mission of the party is to rule the country. And after the present administration what? Is that a time to abandon its forces? Is that a time to abandon itself? We throw it out. It will then be the duty of the Democratic party to see to it that the task of restoring constitutional government and reforming our administrative system shall no longer be placed in the hands of men who strenuously resisted those ameliorations so long as resistance was possible, who looked upon us, as Satan looks upon the Sun,

"To tell him how he looks his beams," but that men shall complete the work who have all along been demanding it for against crushing odds and amid constant defeat, and ostracism from power for its sake. In other words, it will then be the duty of the Democratic party to abolish the present scandalous condition of political affairs, in which an administration is carrying on the government on the principles of the party which opposed it, relying for support upon its antagonists and dreading defeat on the part of its confederates.

Anything more chimerical can scarcely be conceived than to suppose that the men who for the last thirteen years have been fighting the Democratic battles can now forthwith be suddenly divided into two opposing factions because some of them twenty years ago were called Whigs and some Democrats.

The issues which then separated them have now merged into one, but their true nature has been obliterated by other issues which have united them and are of incalculably deeper moment than those others were. What were the old ones? A national bank, a protective tariff, and internal improvements. And who supposes that a national bank is going to be revived in the present day? As for internal improvements, the only question now agitated under that head is whether the Southern States have the advantage in the way of railway communication with the Pacific coast now enjoyed by the North, and on that point the whole North, Republican and Democratic, is opposed to us. What more? The tariff. Even Mr. Hayes himself seems to be awakening to the truth that the present tariff which is prohibitory rather than protective, is the chief incubus which is now crushing down our commercial prosperity.

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rice-holder and has nevertheless been active in tinkerings with State affairs ever since he has been President; witness Ohio and Illinois especially. Rutherford is a very queer reformer—he wants to reform every one except himself. If he is consistent he will henceforth abstain rightily even from expressing an opinion on State elections or State candidates. Wonder whether his friend Garfield does not think so too.

MILITARY SITUATION IN EUROPE AND ASIA.

Military affairs east of the Black Sea no longer demand our attention; the Russian troops are withdrawn from those regions entirely, their point of rendezvous being Alexandria, started from which their expedition against the Sudan is tantamount to an abandonment of active operations for this year. It is said, indeed, that re-enforcements are on their way to the Russian army and that the campaign is to recommence with the siege of Batoum shortly, to be followed probably by that of Kars. This cuts out work enough for the Russian army till winter, and then operations must be suspended, for the testimony of all travellers goes to show that winter in the whole region between the Black and Caspian Seas is exceedingly severe. Virtually the Eastern half of the Russian invasion must be considered as abandoned for the year.

Some excuse may be claimed both for the blunders of the Russian generals and the slowness of the Turkish leader to take advantage of them; this consists in the difficulty of supplying armies in that region. The whole country is likely to suffer famine this fall and winter. Now, large Caucasian Seas is excessive, their commissary supplies are prompt and abundant, and Armenia and its adjacent provinces seem to match Kars V's discipline of Spain, as a country in which a large army would starve and a small one be cut to pieces.

We now transfer our attention to the Danube and the Balkan range. The conflicting reports of Russian and Turkish dispatches, with the aggravated confusion introduced by the constant changes in the journals in this country, render it extremely difficult to ascertain what has really been done in European Turkey. Accounts entirely irreconcilable of operations both in Bulgaria and Roumelia render it impossible to go much beyond conjecture in ascertaining the truth.

Our accounts of last week left the Russian lines established along the Jantra from Sistova to Tirna (known or famous—they spell it all the ways and several others), while the Turkish lines mainly covered the railroad from Rusehuck to Shumla. Since this we have had several items of sensational intelligence, none of which have stood the test of subsequent examination.

The first was a Turkish dispatch; the Turks were represented to have defeated the Grand Duke Nicholas at a point beyond Tirnova with a loss of 12,000 men. It is a difficult matter to ascertain what the Russian army still exists there, for if the Turkish army had established itself between the Archduke and Sistova, which is his base of supply, the whole army must have surrendered. Then a Russian force was represented to have passed one of the Balkan passes and to be on the march for Constantinople at double quick.

This force was represented as amounting to various numbers—first, indefinite, then 10,000, then 20,000. The first suspicious circumstance leaked out on Thursday, that they had taken no artillery with them and only a few commissary stores as could be carried on pack mules. This alone, without further dispatches, would prove that whatever its numbers it could not be intended for a regular invasion of Roumelia, but was at the utmost a reconnaissance in force.

Something similar in character to that which under J. E. B. Steward entered round the rear of McClellan's army before the seven day's fight at Richmond; for however rash their commanders may be, armies do not invade a fortified country with no artillery and nothing to eat but what they can carry on horseback; but however that may all be the whole force has been met by the Turks and driven back to the passes by which it advanced. So the events in European Turkey so far resolved themselves into just the following: An attack by the Turks upon the Russian outposts on the Jantra, which failed, and a reconnaissance by the Russians into the Roumelian territories which was defeated. It is the safest to say we know nothing more practically of the doings in European Turkey than we did last week, all war correspondents and military editors to the contrary notwithstanding.

Since the above was written the Russians have gained possession of Nikopolis after a very sanguinary conflict. This town is a few miles higher up the Danube than Sistova, which has been their base of operations since they entered Bulgaria, and must be a very important acquisition to them. Their only communication with their magazines North of the Danube has so far been the bridge constructed at Semnitz, which was neither sufficient for the purpose nor safe. A new bridge will now be constructed at Nikopolis which will supplement the one at Semnitz.

Riot at Guthrie.

We have to record a disgraceful and fatal riot in Kentucky close to the borders of our own State. The facts, as far as we can ascertain them, are that, last Sunday there was a large assembly of colored people at Guthrie to hear an open-air funeral sermon. Soon after the congregation began assembling a number of white men, some of whom were armed with guns, began pelting the colored people with stones and bricks, and the riot broke out.

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expectation of a disturbance that Mr. Johnson himself was the only man in the posse who was armed. One of his posse was Mr. Jas. M. Wilcox. On arriving at the ground Mr. Johnson proceeded to order the posse to stop, and when this was refused, proceeded to arrest the offenders.

Upon this there was a general cry among the negroes of "kill the damned scoundrel," and a rush was made at Mr. Johnson who was soon prostrate in the mud and trampled under foot. Mr. Wilcox and the posse soon rallied around him, but the infuriated crowd rallied and were pushing towards the still prostrate Mr. Johnson, when Mr. Wilcox

took up his rifle and fired at the crowd. The crowd was scattered, and Mr. Johnson was able to get up. The posse then proceeded to disperse the crowd, and Mr. Johnson was able to get up.

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